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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

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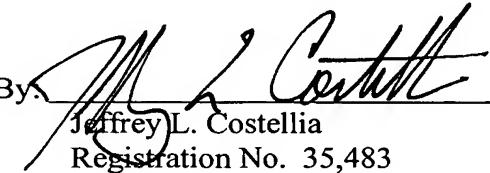
Applicants wish to note that JP 04-267359 cited on the attached PTO-1449 was cited in a counterpart Chinese patent application by Chinese Patent Office on October 10, 2003. It should be noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,397,744 is in the same family as JP 04-267359. The '744 Patent was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement on July 17, 2003.

It is requested that the accompanying PTO-1449 be considered and made of record in the above-identified application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the

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